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SUBJ: BARGE STRIKE BLOCKADE OF MAIN DUTCH PORTS ENDS AUGUST 28

1. A DISPUTE BETWEEN GON AND INLAND BARGE SHIPPERS OVER BILL INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT TO REDUCE OVER-CAPACITY IN BARGE OPERATIONS RESULTED IN COMPLETE BLOCKADE OF WATERWAYS TO AND FROM THE PORTS OF ROTTERDAM AND AMSTERDAM AUGUST 26 AND 27. BLOCKADE OF ROTTERDAM PORT ENTRANCE WAS LIFTED AUGUST 27, BUT ALL OUTGOING WATERWAYS, EXCEPT SEABOUND, REMAINED BLOCKED. A PARTIAL SYMPATHY BLOCKAGE OF PORT OF ANTWERP WAS ALSO REPORTED.

2. DISPUTE INVOLVED ONLY BARGE SHIPPERS/SHIPMENTS TO LOCAL INLAND DESTINATIONS. INTERNATIONAL BARGE SHIPPERS GENERALLY DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

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3. VESSELS THAT WERE IN THE PORT AT START OF BLOCKADE WERE

DISCHARGED. BULK COMMODITIES WERE EITHER LOADED INTO AVAILABLE INTERNATIONAL BARGES OR REMAINED STORED IN PORT ELEVATORS. HOWEVER PORT ELEVATOR CAPACITY IS RATHER LIMITED (BETWEEN 200-300 THOUSAND TONS) AND HUGE VOLUMES OF GRAINS AND MEALS WERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, DUTCH PARLIAMENT VOTED EVENING OF AUGUST 27 AGAINST GON'S BILL TO RESTRICT NUMBER OF OPERATING BARGES AND REQUESTED STATE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORTATION REOPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH BARGE OPERATORS ON HOW BEST TO MEET MARKET CONDITIONS. AS A RESULT, BLOCKADE IS BEING LIFTED TODAY (AUGUST 28).
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